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Letter dated 16 September 2016 from the President of the General Assembly to the Chair of the First Committee

I have the honour to inform you of the decisions taken by the General Assembly at the 2nd plenary meeting of its seventy-first session, held on 16 September 2016, pertaining to the allocation of items to the First Committee (see annex).

I wish to draw your attention to the relevant parts of sections III and IV of the report of the General Committee (A/71/250) concerning the agenda of the Main Committees.

May I also draw your attention to the recommendations on the organization of the session contained in section II of the same report. Those recommendations were also approved by the General Assembly at its 2nd plenary meeting.

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Annex

Allocation of items to the First Committee

1. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [item 5].

G. Disarmament

2. Reduction of military budgets [item 89].
3. African Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone Treaty [item 90].
4. Consolidation of the regime established by the Treaty for the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons in Latin America and the Caribbean (Treaty of Tlatelolco) [item 91].
5. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe [item 92].
6. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [item 93].
7. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [item 94].
8. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [item 95].
9. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [item 96]:
   (a) Prevention of an arms race in outer space;
   (b) No first placement of weapons in outer space.
10. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [item 97].
11. General and complete disarmament [item 98]:[1]
    (a) Treaty banning the production of fissile material for nuclear weapons or other nuclear explosive devices;
    (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;
    (c) Nuclear disarmament;
    (d) Notification of nuclear tests;

[1] Note by the Secretariat: at its 2nd plenary meeting, on 16 September 2016, the General Assembly decided to approve the recommendation contained in paragraph 88 (a) of the first report of the General Committee (A/71/250), which reads:

(a) Item 98 (General and complete disarmament). The General Committee took note of the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meeting under item 88, dealt with the subject matter of item 98. The General Committee therefore decided to recommend to the General Assembly that the relevant paragraphs of the report be brought to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 98;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Regional disarmament;

(g) Transparency in armaments;

(h) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(i) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament;

(j) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(k) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(l) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the legality of the threat or use of nuclear weapons;

(m) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(n) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(o) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(p) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-Personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(q) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and light weapons and collecting them;

(r) Treaty on a Nuclear-Weapon-Free Zone in Central Asia;

(s) Reducing nuclear danger;

(t) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(u) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: accelerating the implementation of nuclear disarmament commitments;

(v) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(w) Missiles;

(x) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(y) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(z) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(aa) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(bb) The Hague Code of Conduct against Ballistic Missile Proliferation;

(cc) Information on confidence-building measures in the field of conventional arms;

(dd) Transparency and confidence-building measures in outer space activities;

(ee) Preventing the acquisition by terrorists of radioactive sources;

(ff) The Arms Trade Treaty;

(gg) Effects of the use of armaments and ammunitions containing depleted uranium;

(hh) United action with renewed determination towards the total elimination of nuclear weapons;

(ii) Preventing and combating illicit brokering activities;

(jj) Women, disarmament, non-proliferation and arms control;

(kk) Taking forward multilateral nuclear disarmament negotiations;

(ll) Follow-up to the 2013 high-level meeting of the General Assembly on nuclear disarmament;

(mm) Countering the threat posed by improvised explosive devices;

(nn) Humanitarian consequences of nuclear weapons;

(oo) Humanitarian pledge for the prohibition and elimination of nuclear weapons;

(pp) Ethical imperatives for a nuclear-weapon-free world;

(qq) Implementation of the Convention on Cluster Munitions.

12. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [item 99]:

(a) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(b) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(c) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(f) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(g) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa;

(h) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament.

13. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [item 100]:

(a) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(b) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

14. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [item 101].

15. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [item 102].

16. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [item 103].

17. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [item 104].

18. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [item 105].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

19. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [item 121].

20. Programme planning [item 135].